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## Students protest at CIA talk

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When recruiters from the Central Intelligence Agency came to OU Tuesday, Jonathan Sowash was ready with trench coat and sunglasses.

But when Sowash, a People for Peace member, entered Baker; Center Ballroom for a CIA presentation, he wasn't looking for a job.

Sowash and two other People for Peace members came to the University-sponsored International Recruitment Fair to protest the C!A's actions overseas.

"We want to implant a grain of doubt in the students who are interested in the CIA, just tell them to check it out," said People for Peace member Ron Nippert.

For some students the CIA may have glamorous connotations, said Jan Griesinger.

"They recruit saying, 'See the world.' They play on our sense of adventure—the kind of cops and robbers you play as kids. But this is for keeps," Griesinger said.

The three said they were protesting both international and domestic CIA actions.

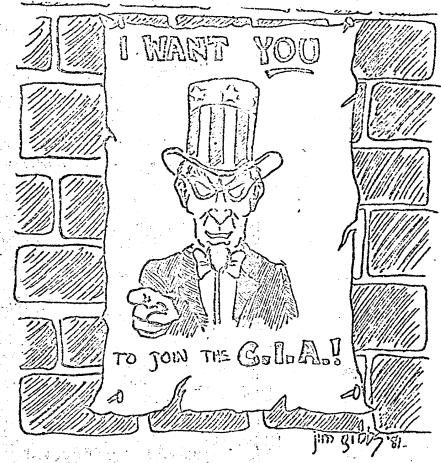
"The CIA's purpose is to put in a CIA career. down the Third World and support repressive regimes," Nippert said. use advertising to say what the

the CIA about Chile, Iran and Cuba The CIA is interested in students

Steve Gunn said the three-person technical areas, as well as internaprotest was the first he had en- tional relations or a foreign countered in his recruiting career. language, Gunn said.

"It was the biggest protest I've Security checks are run on a ever seen, actually the only one I've potential employee to see if the perever seen. Maybe there were more in son has connections with foreign the early '70s,'' Gunn said. governments, Gunn said.

Gunn, who works out of an office. "We don't want a foreign govern-



in Cincinnati, was in town to interview University students interested

"We're like any employer. We He carried a placard saying: Ask CIA has to offer," Gunn said.

and about what is moral. with backgrounds in computer CIA personnel representative science, engineering and other

ment to have a hold on the person,"

Connections with foreign governments include foreign-born parents or spouse, he added.

Between 80 and 100 students attended the International Recruitment Fair, which also included information on the Peace Corps, Proctor and Gamble and Catholic Relief Services.

Although the CIA 'protest' was small and low-keyed, Griesinger said the group achieved its purpose.

""Students noticed we were here. They're aware of what the CIA is doing," stre said.